

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 March 2011
Title:	Partnership funding for the revenue and project costs of community associations 2011/12
Reference:	2688
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To agree the sum to be allocated from within the 2011/12 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations for support towards their revenue and project costs in that year.
- 1.2. To provide details of requests for financial support from partner organisations towards their revenue and project costs and to report on their 2010/11 project activity.

2. Applications considered in this report

Association	£
Headley Down Community Association	13,800
Kingsley Organisation Ltd	5,410
Portchester and District Community Association	10,820
Wecock Community Association	11,960

3. Background/Contextual Information

- 3.1 The County Council through its Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department, supports community associations that aim to provide the opportunity for local people to participate in recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental activities within their local communities and to encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.

- 3.2 There are 104 community associations in Hampshire. In 2010/11 the county council provided project funding to 22 of these organisations. From April 2011 there will only be one organisation remaining that is supported also by the secondment of staff – Leigh Park Community Association.

4. Budget Position

- 4.1 It is proposed that £159,205 is set aside from the 2011/12 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations to support their revenue and project costs under this scheme. Many of the organisations applying for funding have opted to request funding later in the year, consequently there are only four applications outlined in the appendix to this report. These requests total £41,990.
- 4.2 In line with the current arrangements all grants allocated from this fund will be reduced by 8% of the 2010 allocation.

5. Criteria for Partnership Funding

- 5.1 By supporting these organisations in their project proposals and working in partnership with them, the Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department is able to meet the following outcomes :-
- CCRA services and supported local facilities actively support the well being of older people and their carers
 - Support services are developed and there are improved opportunities to access local leisure and recreation especially for children and young people that will help them lead positive lives
 - Adults have improved access to learning opportunities locally and take up is increased
 - More people, including disabled people participate in culture and sport through 2012 inspired programmes and activities
- 5.2 The Community Support Service is also supporting the business development of these organisations.
- 5.3 There is an application summary for each of the organisations that have applied for funding in Appendix 1. An extract from their Public Benefit Statement has also been included.

6. Other considerations

6.1 Legal Implications

The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

6.1 Impact Assessment.

Organisations applying to this scheme are by their nature defined as accessible to all members of the community. This is embodied within

their charitable objects, therefore no individuals, groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That funding totalling £41,990, as listed below, be approved for allocation from the Community Support revenue budget for 2011/12.

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CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

Application forms

Mottisfont Court

Appendix 1**Community Association**

Headley Down

**Local member
District**Cllr James has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

Headley Down Community Association (HDCA) is constituted to provide educational, social and recreational facilities for the benefit of the residents of Headley Down. HDCA continues to manage the Headley Down Community Centre (Woodlands hall) for the benefit of local residents of the Headley Parish, in particular the part known as 'Heatherlands'. HDCA administers and manages a number of sections/groups including Woodlands Pre-school, Woodlands Children's Club/Holiday Playscheme, Woodlands Youth Club and Woodlands adult drop-In sessions and activities.

It provides a home for a number of other organisations who assist in meeting the needs of the area of benefit, including Drum Housing Surgery and Tree-Tops Children's Group. The Association also offers within the Centre, a meeting room and hall hire facilities, an ICT room with 8 on-line PC's for educational and training needs, fax, photocopying and internet services, hire of multimedia equipment and other services for local community and voluntary groups, private individuals, businesses a, clubs and societies.

Report on projects undertaken in 2010/11

Project	No attending	Comments
Half day Activities for Older People	20	New Age Kurling, computer drop in and Christmas Craft sessions delivered.
Focus Group consultation	8	2 focus group meetings held

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Adult Learning Programme – Literacy and Numeracy classes.
- Intergenerational Project – Grandparents to Lunch session.

Involvement in Extended Services and Children's Centres

After school children's club and holiday club for 4-11 year olds. Provision of Pre-school sessions for 2 – 5 year olds. Tree-Tops drop in sessions with Children's centre.

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	104,880
Expenditure	117,788
Grants from	
District Council	13,280
Revenue Grant from other sources	31,150
Other grant income	13,000
Recommendation	£13,800

Community Association

Kingsley

**Local member
District**Cllr Kemp-Gee has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees comply with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when planning the activities of the organisation. The Organisations objects have identifiable benefits to the public, which is reflected in the reporting of objectives and activities, achievements and performance and in the Chair's report.

The Organisations main aim is to provide self-development and training with and for disabled people. This provides benefit to disabled people and is not unreasonably restricted by any other criteria.

At Kingsley Centre there is an additional aim to provide services to the community. The Kingsley Centre through the provision of inclusive and enabling environment aims for disabled adults and local and wider community to access and enjoy a variety of resources, opportunities and activities which promote learning, well being and community cohesion.

Report on projects undertaken in 2010/11

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up activities – community lunch club	25	Very successful club with singing activities and gentle exercises. Association aiming to provide session twice a month
Adult learning – basic cookery	6	

Projects Planned for 2011/12

- Developing a Time of Your Life Project
- Developing an adult learning ICT project for adults with learning disabilities.

Involvement in Extended Services and Children's Centres

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	64,397
Expenditure	72,694
Grants from	
District Council	14,900
Grants Income	800
Recommendation	£5,410

Community Association

Portchester and District

**Local member
District**Cllr Price has been consulted
Fareham**Public Benefit Statement**

Portchester and District Community Association (PCA) has consistently met its charitable objectives during 2009. PCA manages the community centre in pursuit of these objectives. The Association manages eleven sections and Keepsake Children's Centres accounting for approximately 80% of the annual turnover, including a variety of clubs and activities. Membership has increased during the past year.

Summary of main objectives and achievements 2009

The Association has moved forward and adapted well throughout 2009, developing its sections, and increasing service delivery. It has increased usage despite a reduction in available space (due to closure of first floor in September 2008), improved efficiency, and, through a computerised booking system, has ensured every space is utilised. PCA acknowledge the commitment from its sections and Keepsake Children's Centre who have worked hard to support aims and fill gaps in provision. The improved financial recording system has ensured that accounting methods meet all charitable and statutory requirements both from the Charity Commission and funders. The Community Association is a complex organisation offering a wide range of activities and services, and is dependent on its workforce of paid staff supported by many volunteers.

Report on projects undertaken in 2010/11

Project	No attending	Comments
Intergenerational Project - students and older people consultation and activities	55	Booklet on activities for older people produced as a result of consultation with an IT club with PCA being developed in response to identified need.
Half day Activities for Older People – Christmas Party	89	

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Adult Learning Programme – Ready Steady Cook, scrapbooking and Back to work courses.
- Intergenerational Project – Students from Highbury College and Catch 22 supporting older people meet their IT needs with 5/6 week IT courses.

Involvement in Extended Services and Children's Centres

PCA holds the service level agreement for the Portchester Sure Start Centre - Keepsake Children's Centre (KCC). Extended Service coordinator uses KCC office for outreach centre, and works closely with staff, helping with activities and promotional days. Funding was received in 2010 from Extended Services for Portchester People web site, notice board, administration of the Cams and Portchester Partnership (CAPP).

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	360,965
Expenditure	372, 612
Grants from other sources	
Recommendation	£11,760

Community Association
Local member
District

Wecock
 Cllr Keast has been consulted
 Havant

Public Benefit Statement

2010 was an important year full of building relationships with the community and partners. They ran the community pioneers course, which brought together many people who live and work on the Wecock estate. They now work closely with the police, Cowplain business centre, Extended Services, Children's Centre, Children's Services Youth Team, Portsmouth City Council, Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

They took part in our first Big lunch with 360 people attending. The Over 50's lunch club continues to run every Monday. They have had regular under 13's disco's that are now self-funding and also provide a place for young volunteers to practice their leadership and kindness skills. The IT suite is developing and are now offering 4 sessions a week in partnership with Cowplain Business Centre, UK Online and a volunteer. They have also run Christmas parties, Dad's and lad's evening, pamper evenings, Parents Unite and protect sessions, children's craft and puppets workshops and a coach trip to Moors Valley Country Park.

Report on projects undertaken in 2010/11

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up project – young volunteers club	28	Very successful club - running events for older people and children from a special school as well as fundraising and community activities. Partnership working with children's services and police mentoring scheme.
Intergenerational project – cooking club	32	Association will run one intergenerational healthy eating/cooking project each school holiday.

Projects Planned for 2011/12

- Developing an Adult Learning Programme – IT for jobseekers
- Developing an 'Active Celebration' Olympic project.

Involvement in Extended Services

Young volunteers club is funded by extended services and a County Council youth worker helps run the group. The Chair of the association sits on the Extended Services steering group and the Links Children's Centre partnership group.

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	65,184.40
Expenditure	71,916.23
Grants from District Council	2,100
Revenue Grant from other sources – Portsmouth City Council	4246.76
Other sources	7,350
Recommendation	£11,960